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National Park Service  
Pacific Northwest Region  
Cultural Resources Division

Westin Building, Rm 1920  
2001 Sixth Ave.  
Seattle, Washington 98121

1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(CARD 1 of 2)

St. Andrews Patrol Cabin

5. ORIGINAL USE

Patrol Cabin

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1922

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

St. Andrews, Creek Westside Road N-104

6. PRESENT USE

Same

8. UTM ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

11. REGION

4. CITY/VICINITY

Nisqually Entrance

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

SCALE

1:24

1:62.5

QUAD

NAME

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, Washington

13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXISTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC

Log frame, one-story, one-room (and loft), rectangular cabin; steeply-pitched cedar shake gable roof extends over log post and beam front porch; stove pipe on gable ridge; whole log purlins with whittled ends; whole log walls with wood slab chinking; saddle notch cornering with quarter split ends; vertical board front door; varnished interior walls; 1 x 10 plank ceiling sheathing; 1 1/2" x 5.5" tongue and groove wood floor; concrete pier and log foundation.

Prior to 1920, there were very few shelters for backcountry rangers and hikers. In 1919-20, Superintendent Roger W. Toll reported the need for backcountry shelters to be placed ten to fifteen miles apart along the Wonderland Trail. Toll's system evolved into the construction of both patrol cabins and trail shelters under Superintendent O.A. Tomlinson's administration (1923-41).

The Superintendent's annual report for fiscal year 1922 reported the construction by the National Park Service of three patrol cabins on the west side of the park at Mowich Lake, St. Andrews Creek, and at Sunset Park. The cabins were used as temporary headquarters by rangers on boundary patrol. Aspects of the cabin's log frame, rectangular design, with their steeply pitched cedar shaken gable roofs, saddle notch cornering, and posts and beam frame front porches, were incorporated into the construction of future patrol cabins in the park.

14. CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT

☒ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?  
(SPECIFY THREAT)

☐ YES

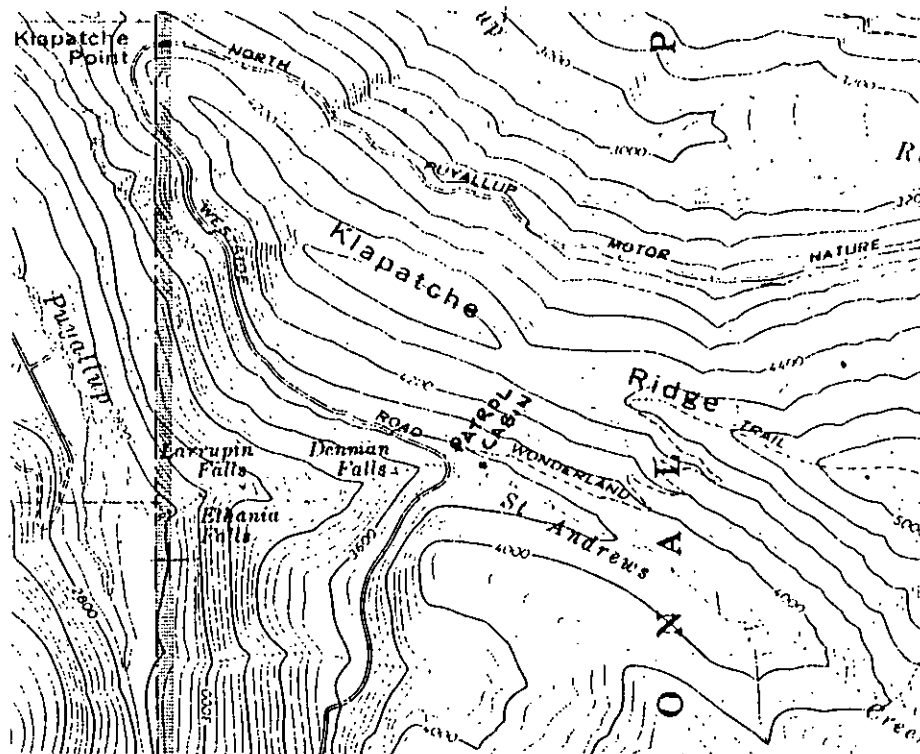
☐ NO

☒ UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE

St. Andrews Patrol Cabin is one of the oldest backcountry ranger stations in the park. It was intended as a temporary headquarters for rangers on patrol of the park's western boundary and the Wonderland Trail. Aspects of the cabin's log frame, rectangular design, with its steeply pitched cedar shake gable roof, saddle notch cornering, and post and beam frame front porch, were incorporated into the construction of later patrol cabins in the park. This cabin was an early component of Superintendent Roger Toll's vision of a string of backcountry shelters to accommodate backcountry patrols, and provide shelter for the hiking public; a policy that evolved and expanded under Superintendent Tomlinson's administration.

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ NAME

19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY ☒ YES, LIMITED ☐ YES, UNLIMITED ☐ NO ☐ UNKNOWN

20. EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ NR ☐ NHL ☐ HABS ☐ HAER-1 ☐ HAER ☒ NPS ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL ☐ OTHER

21. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

Building File N-104, Maintenance Division, Mount Rainier National Park, building data and sketch plan, 1962.

Erwin N. Thompson, Mount Rainier National Park, Washington: Historic Resource Study, (Denver: Historic Preservation Branch, Denver Service Center, National Park Service, 1981).

22. INVENTORIED BY

David Harvey

AFFILIATION

MORA Cultural Resources Survey

DATE

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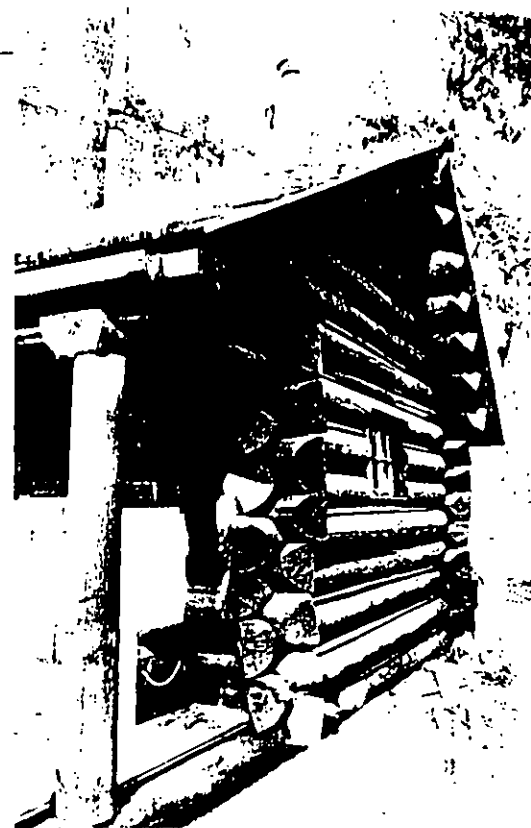
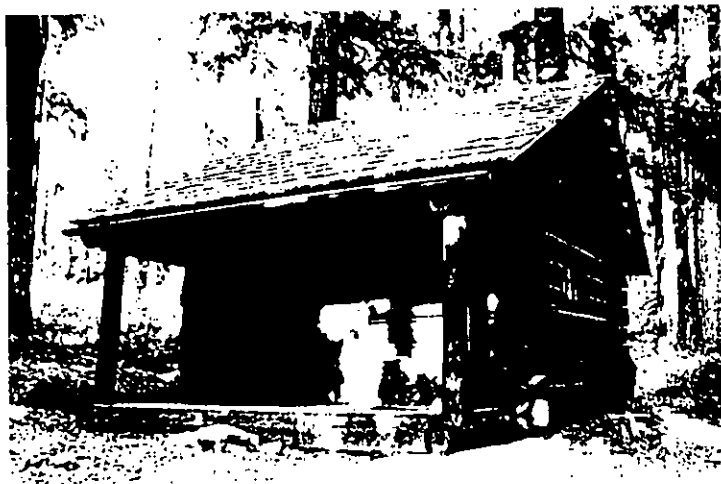
St. Andrews Patrol Cabin, located on the Westside Road on St. Andrews Creek two miles from the Wonderland Trail, measures 14' x 19' with a floor size of 279 square feet. The open porch is 5' x 16', extending the entire width of the front facade with roughly hewn whole log columns and rough board decking. The deck is elevated off the ground 10-12 inches. The cabin has recently been reconditioned. It is presently used in the summers as headquarters for backcountry rangers on patrol in Klapatche and St. Andrews Parks along the Wonderland Trail.

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